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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2005 in the above-identified application, setting forth a requirement for an election of species, the Applicant hereby elects claims 11-14 corresponding to FIG. 20, identified by the Examiner as representing a patentably distinct species, for further prosecution in the application. Claims 11-14 further correspond to FIGs. 19 and 21.

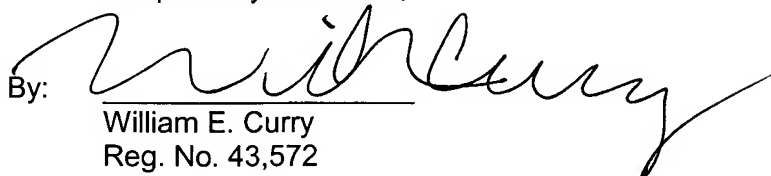
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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